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Dear Medicaid Provider:

We recently sent you **Medicaid Information Release 2006-15** which discusses changes coming for Medicaid coverage *beginning* on July 1, 2006. This information release can be found on the Department website at <http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov>. There will be two new plans for Medicaid participants, designed to serve two levels of health needs: The Medicaid Basic Plan and the Medicaid Enhanced Plan.

The new plans will go into effect for new applicants and at an individual's annual renewal. This means that enrollment into these new plans will be staggered over the next year. This also means that assessment of mental health needs to determine whether placement into the Medicaid Enhanced Plan will be staggered over the next year.

Between 60-90 days prior to an individual's renewal date, Idaho Medicaid will examine individual mental health utilization to identify participants who may need to: 1) be enrolled into the Medicaid Enhanced Plan so that they can continue to receive enhanced mental health services; or 2) transition to a different type of care if they do not have a clinical classification or diagnosis justifying enhanced services. Again, this process will occur over the next year. Not all individuals will be transitioned in July, 2006.

Idaho Medicaid is in the process of completing process design and will communicate these additional details to providers by August 1, 2006.

Sincerely,

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